

Child care data processing system

HB 1649 by Raymond (Zaffirini)

DIGEST:	HB 1649 would have required the Department of Human Services to develop and implement a system that uses an electronic scanner or similar device to process data necessary in the administration of child care programs provided by or on behalf of the department. A work group also would have been created to advise and assist the department. The work group would have been composed of representatives of the Health and Human Services Commission, the department, the Comptroller's Office, child care management contractors and technical experts.
GOVERNOR'S REASON FOR VETO:	"HB 1649 promotes inefficiency by imposing requirements on a child care management system that is currently being redesigned. Additionally, HB 1649 does not acknowledge that all child care functions currently administered by the Department of Human Services will be transferred to the Texas Workforce Commission in the coming biennium. This program transfer will consolidate resources to promote efficiencies in the child care management system over and above the level of efficiency that is likely to be recovered under HB 1649."
RESPONSE:	Rep. Richard Raymond, the author of HB 1649, said: "HB 1649 sought to streamline a burdensome and inefficient child care payment process by taking advantage of new technology. I am hopeful that this issue will be fully addressed by the Department of Human Services and the new Texas Workforce Commission as part of their comprehensive reorganization of child care programs in Texas."
NOTES:	HB 1649 passed the House on the Local and Consent Calendar and was not analyzed in a <i>Daily Floor Report</i> .